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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRIME MINISTER SINGH'S WASHINGTON VISIT, U.S.-PAKISTAN; NEW DELHI.

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PRIME MINISTER SINGH'S WASHINGTON VISIT

11. "U.S. ASSURANCE," editorial in November 29 Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's U.S.-visit has been more successful than was expected. Singh held talks with Obama on the entire gamut of bilateral relations, the situation in the region and global challenges like terrorism, climate change and economic crisis. It is important that the U.S. expressed its dedication to remove the hurdles in the way of the civilian nuclear deal and emphasized on destroying terror networks. Such assurance was much needed on the anniversary of the Mumbai terror attacks. Besides that, it was necessary to clear the doubts of Indians, which made them believe that the Obama administration was not sensitive about protecting India's interests. The visit will definitely strengthen ties, but it remains to be seen if the U.S. will walk the talk on terrorism directed toward India.

12. "BASIS OF TIES WITH THE U.S.," op-ed in November 29 Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "From Prime Minister Singh's trip, Obama has declared India its crucial ally. We will have to understand that U.S.-China

friendly relations are in America's national interest since it has to tide over its huge deficit."

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¶3. "AMERICA CAN BE TRUSTED ONLY IF IT ACTS ON ITS WORDS," editorial in December 1 centrist Gujarati daily, DIVYA BASKAR: "While President Barack Obama's recent warning letter to Zardari is certainly welcome, Obama would be making a grave mistake by just relying on Pakistan's leaders for some tangible action against Pakistan-based terrorist groups. We must also not forget the fact that America and the international community woke up to the danger of global terrorism only after the dastardly 9/11 attacks. However, for the fear of loss of face in the Muslim world, America has continued to be friends with Pakistan. Now that America has realized this grave threat, it must ensure that these warnings see some action as history tells us that the Pakistani brand of terrorists doesn't succumb to such warnings."